

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1195

**Introduced by Assembly Member Coto
(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Chu)**

February 22, 2005

An act to add Section 2190.6 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to physicians and surgeons.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1195, as introduced, Coto. Continuing education: cultural and linguistic competency.

Existing law, the Medical Practice Act, provides for the licensure and regulation of physicians and surgeons by the Medical Board of California. Under the act, a physician and surgeon is required to demonstrate satisfaction of continuing education requirements. The act also creates a voluntary program for interested physicians and surgeons to learn a foreign language and cultural beliefs and practices that may impact patient health care practices.

This bill would make the subjects of cultural and linguistic competency care a mandatory part of the continuing education requirements that a physician and surgeon must complete.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 2190.6 is added to the Business and
- 2 Professions Code, to read:

1 2190.6. All physicians and surgeons shall complete a
2 mandatory continuing education course in the subjects of cultural
3 and linguistic competency care.

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